## Performance Measures and Restoring the Kissimmee River: A Successful Large-scale Restoration Project









### Simple Conceptual Models

Restoration ---- Abjotic ---- Biotic

**Flow** 

Geomorphic

**Hydrologic** 

**Substratum** 

Dissolved Oxygen

**Hydroperiod** 

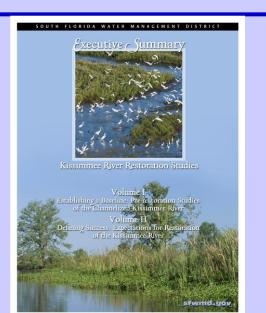
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Invertebrates
Fish
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Birds

# Initially 60 Performance Measures (Expectations) Now Coalesced to 25

- Hydrology 6
- Geomorphology 2
- Water Quality 4
- Vegetation 10
- Invertebrates 11

- Algae 2
- Amphibians 2
- Fish 7
- Birds 11
- Listed Species 5

Performance measures are linked to an experimental design, locations and frequency of measurements, methods to be used, and ways to analyze and report the resulting data.



Executive
Summary of the
performance
measures used
for this project.

#### Healthy Waterways -Southeast Queensland



- 22,672 km² (5.6 million acres)
- 19 local government areas
- Population 2.5 m
- Fastest growing region in Australia
- Performance Measure Initiation Moreton Bay 1998, Catchments 2002

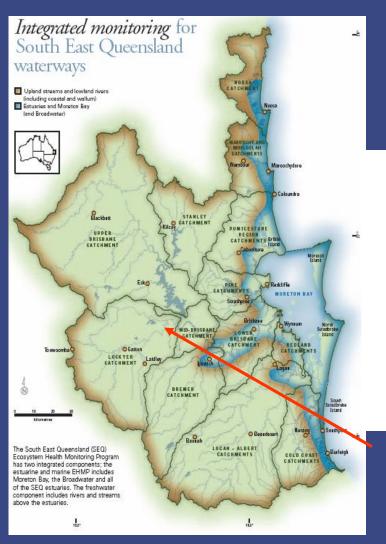




#### Ecosystem Health Monitoring Program (EHMP)



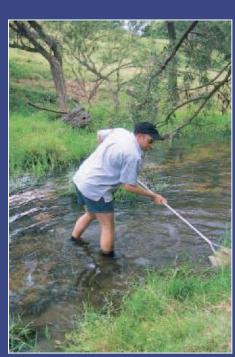
#### Freshwater EHMP - Implemented 2002





**Eco Processes** 

120 freshwater sites (sampled 2x/yr)



#### Defensible Science and Effective Communication



